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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Election of Species

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In response to the election of species requirement mailed April 11, 2006, Applicants hereby elect species I. Claims 1-4, 7-13, 15, 19, 20, 23, 29, 30, 34-35, 37, 39, 46, 48 and 54 read on the elected species. This election is made <u>with traverse</u>.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-59 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would necessarily encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be performed without serious burden. MPEP §803 states that if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the election of species requirement and to examine all claims in this application.

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